

# **Working Draft for Discussion and Refinement**

## **STATE OF MONTANA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. XX-XXXX**

**(Reference Governor Schweitzer EO 13-2011 [http://governor2.mt.gov/eo/EO-13-11\\_Statewide\\_Interoperability\\_Governing\\_Board.pdf](http://governor2.mt.gov/eo/EO-13-11_Statewide_Interoperability_Governing_Board.pdf))**

**Whereas**, Executive Order 13-2011 expires September 30, 2013;

**Whereas**, Executive Order 13-2011 established a Statewide Interoperability Governing Body to direct the operation of the statewide public safety radio system formerly operated by Interoperability Montana and funded in majority by the Department of Homeland Security;

**Whereas**, the SIGB was tasked with completing the LMR backbone and that task is \_\_\_\_% complete;

**Whereas**, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 created the First Responder Network Authority to advance communications interoperability through the deployment of broadband technologies;

**Whereas**, the SIGB is a governance/advisory body recommended by SAFECOM, Office of Emergency Communications, as a governing/advisory body for planning and implementation of interoperable communications that are not limited to land mobile radio;

**Whereas**, Section 6302. State and Local Implementation of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 calls for states to certify and designate a governmental body and point of contact officer to serve as the coordinator to assist with planning for an interoperable public safety broadband network;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, STEVE BULLOCK, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of the State of Montana, do hereby authorize the continuation of the SIGB and expansion of its membership. Moreover, I hereby authorize the Chief Information Officer to hire (re-appoint) a Statewide Interoperability Coordinator, who shall report directly to the Chief Information Officer to implement activities pursuant to land mobile radio and the State and Local Implementation Program (FirstNet Public Safety Broadband Network).

### **1. Purpose**

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The purpose of the SIGB is to develop and promote public safety interoperable communications in Montana. Interoperable communications includes land mobile radio and broadband technologies.

### **To that end the SIGB shall:**

- A. Continue to manage the completion of the land mobile radio backbone by strategic planning and prioritization of tasks, resources and grant dollars to local jurisdictions as required by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
- B. Engage all public safety stakeholders in the development of a long-term, viable plan for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the public safety land mobile radio system in Montana.
- C. Oversee and provide guidance to implementation of the State and Local Implementation Grant Program.
- D. Provide oversight of and consultation to the FirstNet National Network as the FNN is deployed in Montana.
- E. Encourage all public safety stakeholders to participate in the FirstNet National Network.
- F. Coordinate and otherwise encourage the integration of public and private communications resources as required by the FNN Network.

### **The Statewide Interoperability Coordinator shall:**

- Maintain the SIGB governance/advisory board and its sub-committees
- Oversee the daily operation of the state's interoperability efforts under the guidance of the SIGB to include interoperability communications policy development, grant and contract coordination and stakeholder outreach. These duties include management of the NTIA sponsored State and Local Implementation Grant program (FirstNet National Network).
- Assemble work groups to develop and implement key initiatives with public safety LMR and Broadband
- Update the SCIP to include Broadband goals and objectives
- Update the Montana Homeland Security Strategic Plan to include Broadband goals and objectives

## **II. COMPOSITION**

- A. The SIBG shall consist of 11 voting members appointed by the Governor:
  - The Attorney General or his designee
  - Governor's Office representative
  - The Montana State Chief Information Officer or his designee
  - The Montana Department of Transportation Director or his designee
  - A representative of the Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

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- A representative of the Montana Fire Chiefs Association
  - A representative of the Montana EMS Association
  - A representative of the federally recognized Montana Native American Nations
  - A representative of the Montana Hospital Association
  - A representative of Montana Utilities (Utilities defined as a public or private company supplying power, water or rail transport)
  - A representative of Montana Telecommunications Industry
- B. The SIGB is attached to the Department of Administration for administrative purposes. The Information Technology Services Division of the Department of Administration will provide technical, administrative and day-to-day assistance to the SIGB.
- C. The names and addresses of the members appointed by the Governor shall be submitted by separate letter to the Secretary of State and the Department of Administration.

### **III. DURATION**

The SIGB shall exist for a period of three (3) years from the effective date of this Order unless otherwise ordered by subsequent Executive Order or legislative direction.

This Order is effective 7/1/2013.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT  
SEAL of the State of Montana, this \_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

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**STEVE BULLOCK**  
**GOVERNOR**

ATTEST:

Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State

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